

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 9 has been canceled. This action was inadvertently omitted in the first preliminary amendment, but is proper because both claims 1 and 8 on which it is dependent were canceled in the first preliminary amendment. Claims 10-22 are thus pending in this application.

No fees are believed to be necessary with regard to this communication. However, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The application is now believed to be ready for examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it would expedite matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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